

On Friday, September 17, the Pittsburgh area was hit by Hurricane Ivan and suffered extensive flooding. As roads became impassable, townships and boroughs began closing totally. WTAE TV in Pittsburgh came on the air with breaking news and stayed on the air for hours. The news anchor verbally communicated the emergency news. As a hard-of-hearing adult I could not understand what she was saying because there were no captions until about 2 hours later. Had my home been in one of the areas that flooded, I would have reacted late because I didn't know how bad conditions were. A late reaction could have resulted in a life-or-death situation or higher loss of valuables - due to the lack of captions THAT ARE REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS. Imagine how much I would be seething if this were the case.